Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously presented) The image transfer apparatus of claim 20 wherein said transfer engine includes an electrostatic transfer system.

3. (Previously presented) The image transfer apparatus of claim 20 wherein said transfer engine includes an ink ejection system.

4. (Previously presented) The image transfer apparatus of claim 20 wherein said transfer engine includes a thermal transfer system.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The image transfer apparatus of claim 20 wherein said cartridge adapts to a plurality of pads having differing cross-sectional areas to said transfer registration system.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously presented) The image transfer apparatus of claim 20 wherein said image transfer engine includes a replaceable cartridge containing a transfer medium for said transfer engine.

12. (Original) The image transfer apparatus of claim 11 wherein said transfer engine includes an aperture for controllably ejecting ink and said cartridge contains said ink.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously presented) The image transfer apparatus of claim 21 wherein said transfer registration system ejects said removed transfer medium from said housing.

15. (Previously presented) The image transfer apparatus of claim 20 wherein said transfer engine is a printer.

16. (Currently Amended) A transferring method, the method comprising:

positioning a pad at a transfer position of a transfer engine using a pad-storing cartridge, said pad including a plurality of transfer media releasably secured to one another; and

transferring an image to one of said transfer media positioned at said transfer position; and

removing said one of said transfer media using a media stripper of a print registration system including said pad-storing cartridge.

17. (Original) The transferring method of claim 16 wherein said one of said transfer media is releasably secured to said pad when said image is transferred.

18. (Original) The transferring method of claim 16 wherein said one of said transfer media is detached from said pad when said image is transferred.

19. (Currently Amended) An image transfer apparatus, comprising:

means for positioning a pad at a transfer position of a transfer engine, said pad including a plurality of transfer media releasably secured to one another wherein said positioning means includes means for adapting to varying peripheral pad dimensions; and

means, coupled to said positioning means, for transferring an image to one of said transfer media positioned at said transfer position; and

means for removing said one of said transfer media using a media stripper of a print registration system including said pad-storing cartridge.

20. (Currently Amended) An image transfer apparatus, comprising:

a housing;

a transfer engine, within said housing, for transferring an image to a transfer medium when said transfer medium is located at a transfer position; and

a transfer medium registration system, coupled to said transfer engine, for positioning a pad including a plurality of transfer media releasably secured to one another, wherein said transfer registration system locates one of said transfer media at said transfer position, and wherein said transfer medium registration system includes a cartridge for storing said pad and wherein said transfer medium registration system includes a media stripper for removing said one of said transfer media.

21. (Previously presented) An image transfer apparatus, comprising:

a housing;

a transfer engine, within said housing, for transferring an image to a transfer medium when said transfer medium is located at a transfer position; and

a transfer medium registration system, coupled to said transfer engine, for positioning a pad including a plurality of transfer media releasably secured to one another, wherein said transfer registration system locates one of said transfer media at said transfer position, and wherein said transfer registration system includes a media stripper for removing said located one transfer medium from said pad.

22. (Currently amended) A transferring method, the method comprising:

positioning a pad at a transfer position of a transfer engine, said pad including a plurality of transfer media releasably secured to one another; and

transferring an image to one of said transfer media positioned at said transfer position, wherein said one of said transfer media is detached from said pad using a media strip of a print registration system when said image is transferred.

23. (Currently Amended) A transferring method, the method comprising:

(a) positioning a pad at a transfer position of a transfer engine, said pad including a plurality of transfer media releasably secured to one another;

(b) transferring an image to one of said transfer media positioned at said transfer position; and

(c) removing said located one transfer medium from said pad using a media stripper of a print registration system.

24. (Previously presented) The transferring method of claim 23 wherein said removing step (c) is performed after said transferring step (b).

25. (Previously presented) The transferring method of claim 23 wherein said removing step (c) is performed prior to said transferring step (b).

26. (Currently Amended) An image transfer apparatus, comprising:

a housing;

a transfer engine, within said housing, for transferring an image to a transfer medium when said transfer medium is located at a transfer position; and

a transfer medium registration system, coupled to said transfer engine, for positioning a pad including a plurality of transfer media releasably secured to one another, wherein said transfer registration system locates one of said transfer media at said transfer position, wherein said transfer medium registration system includes a cartridge for storing said pad during operation and wherein said transfer medium registration system includes a media stripper for removing said one of said transfer media.

27. (Currently Amended) An image transfer apparatus, comprising:

a housing;

a transfer engine, within said housing, for transferring an image to a transfer medium when said transfer medium is located at a transfer position; and

a transfer medium registration system, coupled to said transfer engine, for positioning a pad including a plurality of transfer media releasably secured to one another, wherein said transfer registration system locates one of said transfer media at said transfer position, ~~and~~ wherein said transfer medium registration system and said transfer engine are integrated with an imaging system and wherein

said transfer medium registration system includes a media stripper for removing said one of said transfer media.

28. (Previously presented) The image transfer apparatus of claim 27 wherein said imaging system is an image capture system.

29. (Previously presented) The image transfer apparatus of claim 27 wherein said imaging system is an image storing system.

30. (Previously presented) The image transfer apparatus of claim 27 wherein said imaging system is an image transmission system.

31. (Previously presented) The image transfer apparatus of claim 27 wherein said imaging system is logically integrated with said transfer medium registration system and said transfer engine.

32. (Currently Amended) An image transfer apparatus, comprising:

a housing;

a transfer engine, within said housing, for transferring an image to a transfer medium when said transfer medium is located at a transfer position; and

a transfer medium registration system, coupled to said transfer engine, for positioning a pad including a plurality of transfer media releasably secured to one another, wherein said transfer registration system locates one of said transfer media at said transfer position, ~~and~~ wherein said transfer engine includes a stenciling system and wherein said transfer medium registration system includes a media stripper for removing said one of said transfer media.

33. (Currently Amended) An image transfer apparatus, comprising:

a housing;

a transfer engine, within said housing, for transferring an image to a transfer medium when said transfer medium is located at a transfer position; and

a transfer medium registration system, coupled to said transfer engine, for positioning a pad including a plurality of transfer media releasably secured to one another, wherein said transfer

registration system locates one of said transfer media at said transfer position, ~~and~~ wherein said transfer engine includes a stamping system and wherein said transfer medium registration system includes a media stripper for removing said one of said transfer media.

34. (Currently Amended) An image transfer apparatus, comprising:

a housing;

a transfer engine, within said housing, for transferring an image to a transfer medium when said transfer medium is located at a transfer position; and

a transfer medium registration system, coupled to said transfer engine, for positioning a pad including a plurality of transfer media releasably secured to one another, wherein said transfer registration system locates one of said transfer media at said transfer position, ~~and~~ wherein said transfer engine is replaceable upon exhaustion of a consumable used during image transfer and wherein said transfer medium registration system includes a media stripper for removing said one of said transfer media.

35. (Currently Amended) An image transfer apparatus, comprising:

a housing;

one or more image access ports

a transfer engine, within said housing, for transferring an image to a transfer medium when said transfer medium is located at a transfer position; and

a transfer medium registration system, coupled to said transfer engine, for positioning a pad including a plurality of transfer media releasably secured to one another, wherein said transfer registration system locates one of said transfer media at said transfer position, ~~and~~ wherein said image transferred by said transfer engine was communicated to said transfer engine using said one or more access ports and wherein said transfer medium registration system includes a media stripper for removing said one of said transfer media.

36. (Currently Amended) An image transfer apparatus, comprising:

a housing;

a display;

a transfer engine, within said housing, for transferring an image to a transfer medium when said transfer medium is located at a transfer position; and

a transfer medium registration system, coupled to said transfer engine, for positioning a pad including a plurality of transfer media releasably secured to one another, wherein said transfer registration system locates one of said transfer media at said transfer position, ~~and~~ wherein said display provides feedback of a status of said transfer of said image and wherein said transfer medium registration system includes a media stripper for removing said one of said transfer media.

37. (Previously presented) The image transfer apparatus of claim 36 wherein said status is selected from a set of status modes including a ready-to-begin mode, a transfer-ongoing mode, and a transfer-complete mode.

38. (Currently Amended) An image transfer system, comprising:

a pad including a plurality of uniformly-sized stacked transfer medium elements releasably secured to each other;

a housing;

a transfer engine, within said housing, for transferring an image to a particular one transfer medium element of said pad when said particular one transfer medium element is located at a transfer position; and

a transfer medium registration system, coupled to said transfer engine, for positioning said pad, wherein said transfer registration system locates said particular one transfer medium element at said transfer position, ~~and~~ wherein said transfer medium registration system includes a cartridge for storing said pad during operation and wherein said transfer medium registration system includes a media stripper for removing said one of said transfer media.

39. (Previously presented) The system of claim 38 wherein said cartridge is adaptable for differing dimensioned pads.

40. (Previously presented) The system of claim 38 wherein said particular one transfer medium element is a top-most transfer medium of said pad.

41. (Previously presented) The system of claim 38 wherein said particular one transfer medium element is a bottom-most transfer medium of said pad.

42. (Previously presented) An image transfer system, comprising:

a pad including a plurality of uniformly-sized stacked transfer medium elements releasably secured to each other;

a housing;

a transfer engine, within said housing, for transferring an image to a particular one transfer medium element of said pad when said particular one transfer medium element is located at a transfer position; and

a transfer medium registration system, coupled to said transfer engine, for positioning said pad, wherein said transfer registration system locates said particular one transfer medium element at said transfer position, and wherein said transfer registration system includes a media stripper for removing said particular one transfer medium element from said pad.

43. (Previously presented) The system of claim 42 wherein said media stripper removes said particular one transfer medium element prior to image transfer.

44. (Previously presented) The system of claim 42 wherein said media stripper removes said particular one transfer medium element after image transfer.

45. (Previously presented) The system of claim 43 wherein said particular one transfer medium element is a top-most transfer medium of said pad.

46. (Previously presented) The system of claim 43 wherein said particular one transfer medium element is a bottom-most transfer medium of said pad.

47. (Previously presented) The system of claim 44 wherein said particular one transfer medium element is a top-most transfer medium of said pad.

48. (Previously presented) The system of claim 44 wherein said particular one transfer medium element is a bottom-most transfer medium of said pad.

49. (Previously presented) An image transfer apparatus, comprising:

means for positioning a pad at a transfer position of a transfer engine, said pad including a plurality of transfer media releasably secured to one another wherein said positioning means locates a particular one transfer medium at said transfer position and includes means for removing said particular one transfer medium from said pad; and

means, coupled to said positioning means, for transferring an image to said particular one transfer medium positioned at said transfer position.